Admission of Central Government Employees' Children in Central Schools

† 2063. DR. A. K. PATEL : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that children of officers/employees of Central Government are unable to get admission in Central Schools;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government have any plan so that such children can get admission in more and more Central Schools ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT PR (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) to (c) KVS admits children in its schools following certain"priorities. In this, transferable Central Government employees get the First priority while non-transferable Central Government Employees get the second priority. Usually at the level of Class I children of transferable Central Government Employees do get admission. However, in subsequent classes vacancies are not available as all seats are filled up in Class I by admitting children of other categories.

Withdrawal of National Curriculum of NCERT

2064. SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO: SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT he pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the demand by Chief Ministers/Education Ministers of eleven States at a meeting convened on September 2, 2001 by West Bengal's Chief Minister that the National Curriculum frame-work brought out by the NCERT should be withdrawn;

(b) whether the West Bengal Chief Minister, accused the Centre of vitiating the secular traditions by measures like saffronisation of education, and has sent a resolution to that effect; and

(c) If so, what is the reaction of the Central Government ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT PR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. A copy of the resolution adopted in the meeting has been received in the Ministry. In the perception of the Government, the National Curriculum Frame-work prepared by

† Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

the NCERT is in accordance with the National Policy on Education, 1986 as modified in 1992.

Harnessing Natural Resources

2055. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the Minister of OCEAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what steps Government have taken so far to harness natural resources, indicating the technologies developed by the Ministry of Science and Technology during the last three years in the fields of Energy from Sea; Minerals from Sea and drugs from plants;

(b) what budgetary allocations have been made for this purpose during the same period and the expenditure incurred year-wise and location-wise; and

(c) what are the details of achievements made so far in harnessing natural resoruces ?

THE MINISTER OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (DR MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI) : (a) and (c) Harnessipg of natural resources and development of technologies for the same is an ongoing process. The details of technologies being developed/tested by institutes/laboratories funded by the Department of Ocean Development in the fields of Energy from Sea, mineral from sea and drugs from plants during the last three years are as under.

1. Energy from sea:

National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT), Chennai, an autonomous body under the Department of Ocean Development has taken up technology development for harnessing of ocean energy. Wave Energy and Ocean Thermal Energy Conversion (OTEC) are the major projects under this programme.

(i) **Wave Energy:**

The basic technology was developed for three sub-systems, *viz.,* conversion of wave energy to pneumatic energy, penumatic energy to mechanical energy and mechanical energy to electricity. After developing the capability for designing these sub-systems by IIT, Chennai, DOD funded another project to establish an integrated wave energy conversion technology demonstration plant at Vizhinjam near Trivandrum. This plant was commissioned with a peak capacity of 150 K.W. It was proven that wave energy could be pumped to the grid in Trivandrum through a long cable form the wave energy plant to the sub-station at Vizhinjam.